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SESSION

1. SUMMARY: FIRST SESSION OF FOURTH ROUND OF US-SOVIET
CW CONSULTATIONS WAS HELD THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 7.
THE US SIDE OUTLINED A PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT INITIATIVE
AT THE CCD ON PROHIBITION OF CHEMICAL WEAPONS AND PROMISED
TO ELABORATE AT SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. FIRST SESSION OF FOURTH ROUND OF US-SOVIET CW
CONSULATATIONS WAS HELD THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 7. AFTER
BRIEF OPENING STATEMENT BY SOV REP (LIKHATCHEV), US REP
(FISHER) OUTLINED US PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT INITIATIVE AT
THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CCD).

3. FISHER STRESSED DESIRABILITY OF BASING JOINT INITIATIVE
ON AGREED KEY ELEMENTS FOR A CHEMICAL WEAPONS (CW)
CONVENTION RATHER THAN TRYING TO WORK OUT A JOINT TREATY
DRAFT. CONVENTION TEXT BASED ON THE AGREED KEY
ELEMENTS WOULD BE DEVELOPED IN THE CCD. HE EMPHASIZED
THAT KEY ELEMENTS APPROACH WOULD ENABLE US AND USSR TO REACH
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PRIOR AGREEMENT ON THE MOST CRITICAL FEATURES OF A CW
CONVENTION, WHILE GIVING OTHER STATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO PLAY
A CONCRETE ROLE IN DEVELOPMENT OF SPECIFIC TREATY PROVISIONS.
THIS WOULD HELP TO ENSURE BROAD ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONVENTION.

4. US REP READ LIST OF PROPOSED KEY ELEMENTS AND PROVIDED
COPY TO SOVIET SIDE. HE PROMISED FURTHER ELABORATION ON

THESE POINTS AT SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS. (FOR TACTICAL REASONS DEL ADDED POINT FROM TEXT OF POSITION PAPER TO LIST OF KEY ELEMENTS. ADDED KEY ELEMENT READS AS FOLLOWS: "AN ANNEX SHOULD EXPLICITLY PROVIDE FOR ALL OF THE DETAILED RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES AND FUNCTIONS THAT WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR VERIFICATION PERSONNEL TO CARRY OUT THEIR LEGITIMATE RESPONSIBILITIES EFFECTIVELY. SIMILARLY, THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE HOST COUNTRY SHOULD BE SPECIFIED IN THE ANNEX.")

5. SOVIET REP SAID US PROPOSAL DESERVED CAREFUL STUDY AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN PROMISED FURTHER ELABORATION. HE NOTED THAT QUESTION OF FORM OF JOINT INITIATIVE WAS UNDER CAREFUL STUDY IN MOSCOW. SOVIET REP DID NOT MAKE ANY COMMENTS ON SUBSTANCE OF US PROPOSAL.

6. AT NEXT SESSION, SCHEDULED FOR FIRDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 8, WE PLAN TO ELABORATE ON ELEMENTS DEALING WITH THE SCOPE OF THE CONVENTION AND WITH STOCKPILES AND FACILITIES. PRESENTATION ON VERIFICATION PLANNED FOR THIRD SESSION⁸

7. IN ADDITION TO LIKHACHEV, SOVIET DEL MADE UP OF THREE EXPERTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN PAST ROUNDS: SOVIET ALTERNATE CCD REP B.P. KRASSULIN (DEPUTY HEAD OF CW DEL, NOT PRESENT AT JULY 7 SESSION BECAUSE OF ILLNESS); AND CCD DELOFFS L.A. NAOUMOV AND Y.V. KOSTENKO, AND AN CONFIDENTIAL

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